

**To: Plans & Policies Committee Members**

**Re: Police & Fire Pension Board Composition**

I want to thank you and appreciate the opportunity to give input on this process. During your last meeting separate members of the Police and Fire Pension Board were able to give their individual input on several different topics. I spoke as did several others. Since then I have had a chance to gather more information to further try and explain my position. To me it is crucial that the individual members of the plan do not lose their member's input and voting position on the board. I have yet to hear a valid compelling argument why they should lose two votes off of the existing board. I contacted the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement with the State of Missouri to gather background information. I was curious to see how other public boards were composed and how that compared to the proposals that are being considered. To me this data backs up my opinion as to the importance of keeping these members on the board. While I agree that changes need to be made to our existing board I do not think we need to re-invent the wheel in the process.

I have included the entire list that I received from the Joint Committee. However, I have broken down that list further to include only the 10 biggest cities in the state and have added additional state agencies plans. I hope this information is helpful in establishing your final recommendations to City Council.

Sincerely,

David Carter

Fire Representative, Springfield Police & Firefighters Pension Board

**1. Kansas City**

**KC Civilian Police Employees' Retirement System**

Member Trustees: 5, selected by Members

Appointed Trustees: 2, selected by Board of Police Comm.

Other Trustees: 2, selected by City Council

**KC Firefighter's Pension System**

Member Trustees: 3, selected by Members

Other Trustees: 4, selected by Fire Chief, Finance Dir.,

City Treasurer, and PERS Dir.

**KC Police Retirement System**

Member Trustees: 5, selected by Members

Appointed Trustees: 2, selected by Board of Police Comm.

Other Trustees: 2, selected by City Council

**2. St. Louis**

**St. Louis Firemen's Retirement System**

Member Trustees: 3, selected by Members

Retired Trustees: 1, selected by Retiree

Appointed Trustees: 2, selected by Mayor

Other Trustees: 2, selected by Comptroller & Fire Chief

**St. Louis Police Retirement System**

Member Trustees: 3, selected by Members

Retired Trustees: 2, selected by Retired Officers

Appointed Trustees: 3, selected by Mayor

Other Trustees: 2, selected by Comptroller & Police Comm.

**3. Springfield**

**4. Independence - Member of LAGERS**

**5. Columbia**

**Columbia Firemen's Retirement Plan**

Member Trustees: 2, selected by Members

Appointed Trustees: 2, selected by City Council

Columbia Police Retirement Plan

Other Trustees: 1, selected by Fire Chief  
Member Trustees: 2, selected by Members  
Appointed Trustees: 2, selected by City Council  
Other Trustees: 1, selected by Police Chief

- 6. Lee's Summit – Member of LAGERS
- 7. St. Joseph

St. Joseph Policemen's Pension Plan

Member Trustees: 2, selected by Members  
Retired Trustees: 2, selected by Retired Members  
Appointed Trustees: 5, selected by Office Held

- 8. O'Fallon

O'Fallon FPD Retirement Plan

Member Trustees: 3, selected by Board of Directors  
Sponsoring Organization  
Appointed Trustees: 1, selected by Board of Directors  
Other Trustees: 3, selected by Board of Directors

- 9. St. Peter's (Central County Fire & Rescue Pension)
- 10. St. Charles (LAGERS)

OTHER STATE PLANS

- 1. LAGERS

Member Trustees: 3, selected by Employees  
Non-Member Trustees: 3, selected by Employers  
Appointed Trustees: 1, selected by Governor  
Member Trustees: 2, selected by Members  
Retired Trustees: 1, selected by Members  
Appointed Trustees: 6, selected by Governor, Pres. Pro-tem,  
House Speaker

- 2. MOSERS  
(Missouri State Employees' Retirement System)

**3. MPERS**  
**(MODOT & Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System)**

Other Trustees: 2, selected by State Treasurer OA Comm.  
Member Trustees: 2, selected by Active Members  
Non-Member Trustees: 3, selected by Members of Hwy & Transp. Commission

**4. PEERS (Public Education Employees' Retirement System)**

Retired Trustees: 2, selected by Retirees of the System  
Appointed Trustees: 2, selected by Pres. Pro-tem and House Spkr.  
Other Trustees: 2, selected by MODOT Director and Patrol Supt.

**5. PSRS (Public School Retirement System)**

Member Trustees: 4, selected by Members and Retirees  
Retired Trustees: 1, selected by Governor  
Appointed Trustees: 2, selected by Governor  
Member Trustees: 4, selected by Members & Retirees  
Retired Trustees: 1, selected by Governor  
Appointed Trustees: 2, selected by Governor